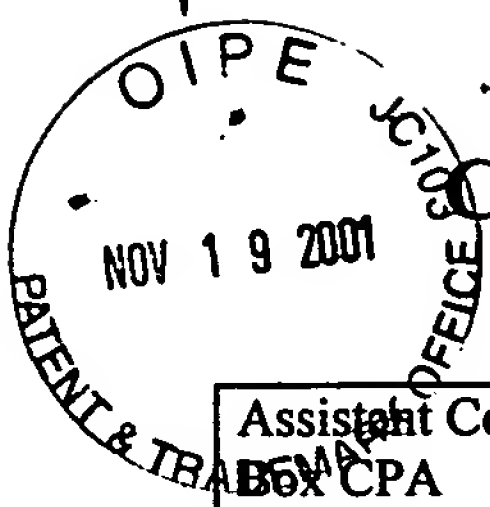


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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d), (Continued prosecution application (CPA) of prior application number 09/515,283, filed on February 29, 2000, entitled COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING TISSUE SAMPLES

NOTES FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a non-provisional application that is either (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in the prior non-provisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)(4).
☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:
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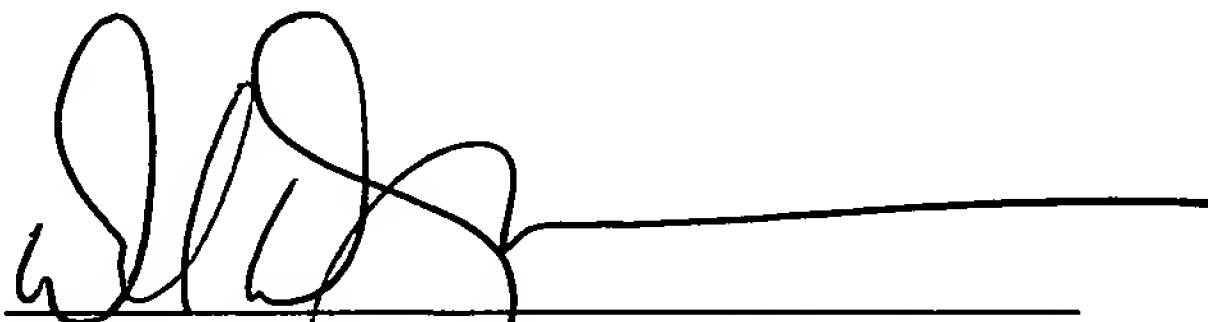
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6. ☒ A Non-Publication Request (§ 1.213(a)) is enclosed.
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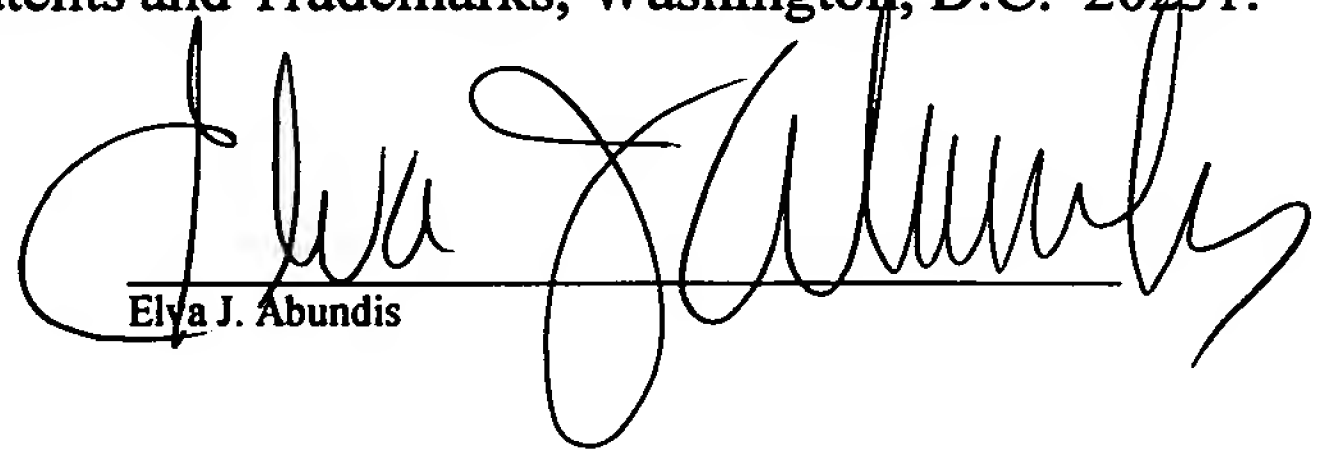
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